

## **Youth Resource Connections**

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### **Youth Headlines**

**Ford Motor Co. Donates \$1.5 million to Train Economically Disadvantaged Youth as Automotive Mechanics.** Ford's \$1.5 million donation to the Youth and Adult Automotive Training Centers will help youth learn a marketable skill in a tough job market, and meet a need within the automotive industry. The three centers will be located Highland Park, Taylor, and Westland, MI. Ford is collaborating with the Metro Detroit Lincoln Mercury and Ford dealer associations, the Southeastern Michigan Community Alliance, and the cities of Highland Park, Taylor and Westland on the project.

Students will spend nine to 12 months in training that focuses on skills related to brakes repair, electrical systems, and suspension and climate-control systems and also basic maintenance like performing an oil change. Training will emphasize reading, writing and math skills and prepare students without a GED or high school diploma to receive one when they complete the program. Students will also earn a Ford maintenance and light repair certificate, which is equal to 20 percent of the credits needed to earn master technician certification. In addition, Ford will annually award the top student at each school a full-scholarship to any one of 59 colleges in the U.S. that are part of the Ford ASSET (Automotive Student Service Educational Training) Program, a two-year program where student alternate between classroom studies and working at dealerships. (From the December 1 DETROIT NEWS.) More information on the Ford ASSET program is available on the Internet at:  
<http://www.qcc.mass.edu/fordasset/asset.html>.

**Scientists Hail Youth Development.** The December/January issue of *Youth Today* reports that the National Academies has released a report, "Community Programs to Promote Youth Development." The report cites research that shows community-based youth development programs are effective and significantly help adolescents in specific ways. The report explores eight key elements that contribute to adolescents' development: physical and psychological safety, appropriate structure, supportive relationships, opportunities to belong, positive social norms, opportunities to make a difference, opportunities for skill building and integration of family, school and community efforts. To order this report or to read it on-line please visit the National Academies web site at: <http://www.nap.edu/catalog/10022.html>. For more

information on *Youth Today* or to subscribe call 202/785-0764 or go to their website at [www.youthtoday.org](http://www.youthtoday.org).

***The Forum for Youth Investment (formerly IYF-US)*** is a new national initiative dedicated to increasing the quality and quantity of youth investments and youth involvement in the United States. The Forum promotes a *big picture* approach to planning and policy development and takes a bold new approach to an old problem: *fragmentation*. The Forum hopes to add value to existing efforts to improve youth outcomes by finding or creating tools, vehicles and opportunities for reaching across fields and systems to bring researchers, policymakers, practitioners, media and philanthropists together to identify common messages and agendas. To obtain more information explore, <http://www.forumforyouthinvestment.org/organization.htm>.

***Photos from the Peer-to-Peer Workshop in Philadelphia are now on-line.*** Please go to [www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services) to view participants hard at work learning how to shoot, edit and create videos with youth. Don't forget the upcoming Video-YO! contest. YO! sites are invited to submit up to two youth produce films by **March 1, 2002**. For information please contact Anne Stom at [astom@doleta.gov](mailto:astom@doleta.gov) or 202/693-3377.

***Two new peer-to-peer workshops announced.*** San Diego will host a Rewarding Youth Achievement (RYA) peer-to-peer workshop on February 19 – 21, 2002. RYA grantees will have the opportunity to share promising practices around developing professional internships, developing math and science immersion programs, creating rich year-round programming and providing college campus experiences for youth. For more information, please contact Anne Stom at [astom@doleta.gov](mailto:astom@doleta.gov) or 202/693-3377.

The San Antonio YO! site will host a peer-to-peer workshop on Occupational Skills Training (OST) on February 25 – 27. This interactive workshop will focus on connecting youth to skills training, engaging workplace partners (i.e., employers, unions, community colleges) in developing, providing and supporting OST, promoting linkages between occupational and academic learning and leveraging other resources for OST. For more information, please contact Susan Rosenblum at [srosenblum@doleta.gov](mailto:srosenblum@doleta.gov) or 202/693-3597.

## ***WIA Youth Updates***

***TEGL Approval.*** Assistant Secretary Emily Stover DeRocco approved TEGL 8-01: Information Related to Reservists Called to Duty. The TEGL transmits information regarding businesses and individuals affected by the activation of reservists in the U.S. Armed Forces. Download this advisory notice on [http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/pdf/tegl8-01.pdf](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/pdf/tegl8-01.pdf)

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TEN, Job Corps Bulletin, etc.) is issued. To subscribe to the ETA Advisory System listserv, log on www. <http://www.doleta.gov/listserv/>.

## **Publications/Reports/Resources**

***The National Academy of Sciences completes major study on Community Programs to Promote Youth Development.*** Download the study on <http://www.nap.edu/books/0309072751/html>.

## **Program Spotlights**

***Houston YO!*** *The Employment and Training Reporter* (October 22) highlighted Houston Youth Opportunity's vocational training program. Professionals cite the program's success in helping young workers meet the demands of the local labor market while increasing their working hours, wages, and ultimately earnings. The key to success is the focus on training and placing youths in targeted industries where jobs are currently available. Houston YO! has trained youth as millwrights (machinists), air conditioning repair, welding, computer connectivity, health care (including medical administration and x-ray technicians) and as truck drivers. For more information on Houston's vocational skills training program, please contact Johnny Bright at [Bright\\_J@houworks.com](mailto:Bright_J@houworks.com) or 713/654-1919.

***Program gives dropouts second chance.*** The Youth Career Program is a partnership between the school district in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana and the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). Counselors from the Parish's three public high schools students provide lists of students who have dropped out to the program's director who locates them and urges them to enroll in the parish's Adult Education programs to get their GED. To date, more than 100 dropouts have been contacted and about 75 of those students have enrolled in adult education. For more information contact Doug Ramagos at 504/301-1911. (From the *New Orleans Time-Picayune*)

## **Funding Opportunities**

***Women's Sports Foundation Offers Funding for Girls in Sports.*** Deadline: Various. The Women's Sports Foundation, which awards grants and scholarships to promote the involvement of women and girls in sports, announces two grant programs:

1) *Secret Sportsgirl of the Year*," sponsored by Secret, a Procter & Gamble brand, invites nominations of young women who excel in amateur sports, inspire other teens, and exhibit characteristics of healthy self-esteem. Nomination forms may be obtained by visiting the program's Web site: <http://www.secretstrength.com/sportgrl/>. **Deadline: April 30, 2002**

2) The *GoGirlGo project* funds girls' sports programs that combine athletic skill instruction and programming with the delivery of educational information aimed at reducing risk behaviors that threaten the health and social advancement of girls

aged 10-14 years. Individual grants of up to \$25,000 will be awarded until \$260,000 has been disbursed. To learn more about the project, visit <http://www.gogirlgo.com/>, or call (800) 227-3988. **Deadline: January 31, 2002.** For further information on these and other funding opportunities, see the Women's Sports Foundation Web site. Contact: Women's Sports Foundation Eisenhower Park, East Meadow, NY 11554, Tel: (800) 227-3988, Fax: (516) 542-4716, E-mail: [wosport@aol.com](mailto:wosport@aol.com) RFP Link: [www.womenssportsfoundation.org/](http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/)

***Best Buy Children's Foundation (BBCF) Invites Proposals for Programs***

***Benefiting School-Aged Children.*** The BBCF awards grants to nonprofit organizations that take an innovative approach to building life skills in young people through education, mentoring, and leadership development outside of regular classroom instruction. Complete Application Guidelines at: <http://www.bestbuy.com/About/CommunityRelations/ChildrensFoundation.asp?m=435&cat=439&scat=463>. **Deadline: February 15, May 15, August 15, and November 15, 2002.** Contact: (952) 947-2650

***MetLife Foundation and Local Initiatives Support Corporation Offer Awards to Police-Community Collaborations.*** The MetLife Foundation and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), America's leading nonprofit community development intermediary, are jointly funding innovative partnerships between community groups and police to promote neighborhood safety and revitalization. The awards will identify and honor partnerships that show concrete results in their efforts to advance the process, outcome, and/or evaluation of police-community collaborations. Six awards totaling \$130,000 will be made. Information and application guidelines: <http://www.liscnet.org/> **Deadline: January 11, 2002** (Preliminary applications). Contact: George Loew, (212) 455-9893 E-mail: [gloew@liscnet.org](mailto:gloew@liscnet.org).

## ***Useful Websites***

***StandUp For Kids***, <http://www.standupforkids.org/standupforkids/>, a nationally acclaimed volunteer organization committed to the rescue of homeless and street kids and helps them to acquire necessary life skills

***MOVIE NIGHTS.*** Movie nights are an important way of educating and teaching values to youth, while at the same time helping you to recruit and retain youth in your program. The web site <http://www.teachwithmovies.org> recommends films and offers a *Learning Guide* for each one that describes the benefits of the movie, possible problems, and helpful background. Discussion questions, bridges to reading, projects and links to the internet are also provided. The site recommends a range of popular films that will introduce youth to history; the arts; and ethical, social, and cultural issues facing children as they mature. The Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) web site <http://www.pbs.org/teachersource> also has information on teaching through movies. Other helpful sites are <http://www.pbs.org/kcet/newamericans/6.0/html/immfilm.html> and <http://www.mathdynamics.com>.

### ***Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services (OATELS)***

**Website** provides useful information on apprenticeship for individuals, employers and the National Registered Apprenticeship System. Visit [www.doleta.gov/atels\\_bat](http://www.doleta.gov/atels_bat).

***Youthworks Links and Ideas website*** provides information and resources in the areas of youth advocacy, health, program administration, and youth issues such as abuse and neglect, child welfare, homelessness, employment and education and more. Visit [www.youthwork.com](http://www.youthwork.com).

***World Wide Youthwork*** features a page of links to youth work and youth resources in South Africa. Visit <http://www.youthwork.com/ywwwcountriessa.html>.

***Just4Youth*** provides information about youth advocates for youth rights. Visit <http://www.youthwork.com/youthinfo/youthinfoadvocrights.html>. Explore another page, which features sites made by teens for teens <http://www.youthwork.com/youthinfo/youthinfoteens.html>

***Web Resources for Jewish Youth***. Explore this webpage to obtain information about about programs for Jewish youth. Visit <http://www.youthwork.com/generalprogcultjew.html>

***Learn To Mentor***, <http://www.mentoring.org/training/TMT/index.adp>, is an online learning tool that introduces users to the skills needed to become a successful mentor.

## ***Important Dates to Remember***

### **December 2001**

**December 16 - 21 in San Diego, California:** Youth Opportunity Grants Leadership Institute. Contact: Linda Reed, The National Center for Strategic Nonprofit Planning and Community Leadership (NPCL), or Yolanda Tully, Associate Director, (202) 296-2115.

### **January – May 2002**

**January 11 – Entry Deadline for YO Boston 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Basketball Classic to be held in Boston, April 4-6.** For information and registration forms, call Jimmy Gifford, (617) – 635-0770 or Bryan Edwards, (617) 541-2623.

**January 28 – 30: Youth Opportunity Grants Peer-to-Peer Training - The Nuts and Bolts of the College Preparation and Admissions Process in Baltimore, MD.** For more details please contact Anne Stom at (202) 693-3377 or [astom@doleta.gov](mailto:astom@doleta.gov).

**February 19 – 21: Rewarding Youth Achievement Peer-to-Peer Training.** San Diego, CA. For more information please contact Anne Stom at 202/693-3377 or [astom@doleta.gov](mailto:astom@doleta.gov)

**February 24- 26:** *Occupational Skill Training*. San Antonio, TX. For more information please contact Susan Rosenblum at 202-693-3597 or [srosenblum@doleta.gov](mailto:srosenblum@doleta.gov).

**March 1:** Deadline for entries to the Youth Opportunity Grants film contest. For details, please contact Anne Stom at (202) 693-3377 or [astom@doleta.gov](mailto:astom@doleta.gov).

**March 20-23:** National Service Learning Conference at the Seattle Convention Center. Applications are available on the NYLC web site at:  
<http://www.nylc.org/conference2002/>

**April 18:** Deadline for Seventh Annual PEPNet Award Recognition. Applications are available on the National Youth Employment Coalition web site:  
<http://www.nyec.org/pepnet/>.

**April 28 – 30:** Mark you calendar now for the RURAL WORKFORCE 2002 CONFERENCE to be held April 28-30 at the Reno Hilton - Reno, NV. For more information visit <http://www.tocowa.org/>.

**May 1-3:** Year 3 Youth Opportunity Grant Partners Meeting – Tampa, FL.

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**We welcome your input.** Please let us know how these updates might be improved to better serve your needs. If you would like to contribute information, post an inquiry, or suggest topics to cover, please contact Ann Stom ([Astom@doleta.gov](mailto:Astom@doleta.gov); 202-693-3377); DeEtta Roberson-Carter ([Droberson-Carter@doleta.gov](mailto:Droberson-Carter@doleta.gov); 202- 693-3610) or Susan Rosenblum ([srosenblum@doleta.gov](mailto:srosenblum@doleta.gov); 202-693-3597).

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